## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Geo

George H. Beall and David L. Weidman

Appl. No.

Not Yet Assigned

Filed

Simultaneously Herewith

For

ATHERMAL OPTICAL DEVICE

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to its initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

## IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please insert before the first line of the specification:

## --CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This is a continuation of U.S. Application No. 09/101,630 filed on July 14, 1998, which is the US national phase filing of PCT/US96/13062 filed on August 7, 1996, which claims the benefit under 35 USC §119(e) of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/010,058, filed on January 16, 1996, the contents of each of which in their entireties are hereby incorporated by reference.--